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TANTAH LAST WEEK.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR.

(FROM A TANTAH CORRESPONDENT.)

Tantah, April 23.
The celebration of the fair of Sayed El Bedawi at Tantah, the capital of Lower Egypt, and where the stupendous mosque of the saint stands with its numerous minarets, which taken last week a new aspect to the approaching visitor from Cairo or Alexandria.

Indeed the celebration of the fair this year after a long cessation of years, is a circumstance which disconcerted, represented to the eye of the aged man in olden time had been a day of jubilation and the present dream of days of liberty and freedom.

It is indeed very striking to observe the aged fellow now sitting in the best of houses to choose, where the high officials and notables usually meet, in enjoying both the liberty granted him and the drink most suitable to his taste, fearing neither criticism nor threatening.

From the air, the grand fair, the splendid fair, but after all the destructive fair that attracts but to injure, that calls but to ruin, that fascinates, but to murder, and at length the great Egyptian fair, that does not in any way correspond with the technical definition of the word.

A fair is a great periodical market devoted either to one kind of merchandise or to afford opportunity for most of the sales and purchases of articles. In Egypt a fair is a feast or a holiday, a day of jubilation, of licence, of drunkenness and useless extravagance.

This word is obviously used and thus Tantah during those days of the "Muleid" was infected with what is commonly called "false pleasure."

The word was really in motion, the men of the Delta Light Railway and the State Railways, the Maristes were directed beyond measure; the hotels were thickly peopled to such a degree that they could scarcely find lodging for half a pound per night; (the estimate made by the Delta Railways: Alexandria, 1897) 700,000 persons have come to Tantah during the fair, this of course besides those who came on foot or on camel backs, the camels were used to feed to excess and the Greek wine merchants used to meet the fellow with a smiling grin of welcome.

At night the town with the south represented a most striking view. Hundreds of tents and kiosks, looked like domes illuminated with hundreds of lanterns from the outside and decorated with chandeliers from the interior which was occupied by notables and religious men engaged in making the "Zikr" which in no way agrees with the Mohammedan Laws and which the foreigners are appointed to criticize when they see it.

Men, women and children of different families and localities slept together on the ground near the tents, thus causing much country or at least causing some doubt.

The natives used to come till late Friday almost on camel backs set with sedan chairs and led by the moon light. Camels are fond of singing and thus the riders on entering Tantah were heard singing sweet Arabic ballads that reminded the audience of the ancient Arabs and how they travelled before railways were constructed.

The mosque, the small university, but after all the second largest in the country, was visited by hundreds and hundreds of fellows who were ignorant of the meaning of the threshold of the mosque and talk to the dead occupant to help them.

Last Friday there was an impressive tragic scene in the mosque. The visitors met in the mosque for performing Friday prayers. So much was the crowd that there was no fighting in the mosque for seats and the result was that a poor fellow was beaten to death.

A non-commissioned officer was charged with having played a part in the tragedy and an inquiry by the Parquet is still proceeding.

There were many dancing cafés though the Mudir had already issued an order to stop such folly during the Muleid. There were many public women and some amount of lewdity (if only may be permitted to say) that persuaded many rich fellows to open houses and hundreds of bottles of beer which nation is considered as a token of loyalty and true love.

It is short for Cairo and its fellows flew with the current that brought the news of the celebration of the fair.

Friday has passed with its bad omens and the visitors are returning by their carriages after leaving bags of dirt that require a long time to clear away.

When will such follies cease? When will the Egyptians recover their senses and stop with keen interest the Muleid? When will the Europeans who visit the Muleid with the curiosity of a tourist and not as a tourist, but as a tourist, the decency and magnanimity of the Egyptians.

[We have left the above in its original English, as it would have lost a great deal by editing.—Ed. E. G.]

SPORT AND PLAY.

FOOTBALL.

2nd ROYAL INFANTRY REGIMENT.

F COMPANY v. D COMPANY.

The above teams met at Aboukhish in the second round of the Football Shield and League.

D Company possess eight points, while F Company are credited with seven points for the same number of matches. Both teams put on their most available eleven, Duffy, Portis, and Percy making a welcome appearance after their recent injuries. At the appointed time for starting the referee lined his men out in the following order: F Company—Goal, Collins; backs, Duffy and Page; half backs, Weir, Bond, and Portis; forwards, Percy, Sweeney, Smyth, Templeton, and Bradshaw.

D Company—Goal, Dodgson; backs, Williamson and Raftery; half backs, Grier, Antia, and Johnston; forwards, Pringle, Davis, Gray, Gorman, and Ellis.

There were about 400 spectators present when Captain Smyth, having won the spin of the coin, elected to defend the goal. Play in the opening favored F Company, who got away per Sweeney, but Williamson relieved by sending into touch. Dodgson was now called upon to handle, which he did well. D Company now got down but Percy and Duffy sent them back to the right about. Things looked grim for the red and white Brigade as Percy missed by a hair's breadth. On the kick off D Company pressed but Davis shot very wide. The green's front rank got away per Smyth, who passed to Sweeney, who in turn gave to Percy and the latter, leading Williamson in a nice centre and Smyth rushing in had no trouble in scoring the first goal for F Company. On resuming D Company tried to get away but Bond was proving himself a good half back and Percy was reverting to his opponent, but Johnston relieved, but too late to avert disaster as Bond with a terrible grounder sent up the second goal for the Greenshirts. A little rough play was now indulged in. F Company were having matters all their own way, but Williamson, who was in the lead, for the third time in this half D Company crossed half ways but Gray's passing shot went wide. Smyth, Templeton, and Bradshaw were now seen to advantage and one shot of Templeton deserved a better fate. McNeill play now followed for a while until Smyth got away, but Johnston relieved and Davis got down. Portis, however, was on his track and operations were once more round Dodgson and Williamson, and Dodgson cleared his chest once more. A free was awarded against D Company for a breach of the rules. Duffy was entrusted with the kick—a fast shot and a good one, the ball finding the top corner of the net, making number three. From this on D Company were a beaten team and never once did they show the least sign of recovery as their opponents, who deserved their goals on play. D Company now wakened up and Grier put on a sport, but Weir and Bond were over on the move and the "little 'un" did not get far. At this stage the front rank of the greens were playing a most successful game, and Williamson and Sweeney were little wonder to Dodgson when Percy slipped the fourth one past him. D Company now realised their position and made tracks for Collins (who up to this was a spectator) but he was not called upon to handle as Elliot sent a free. Half-time was now approaching as Percy made a burst away and eluding a couple of opponents continued, but Templeton sent sky high over the bar when with a little more judgment he must have found the desired spot. From the half-time F Company had matters all their own way. Half-time score: F Company 4 Goals. D Company Nil.

After the usual interval and refreshments both teams took the field again. Smyth started the second move and Percy was the means of taking play towards Dodgson, but Raftery relieved and sent Percy back to the right about, but Portis was on him and play was again in the vicinity of Dodgson, where a scrimmage ensued. Bradshaw, however, sent past. On the kick off D Company got away but Page and Duffy were all O. K. and returned to time after time. The red and white-shirted brigade were playing a better game in this half than in the previous one. Collins was called upon to handle, which he did in a clever manner. Green play was the order for some time, (Smyth being responsible). A corner for D Company was taken for D Company. Raftery, however, averted the situation only to see Bond return the leather towards Dodgson, but the latter saved by sending into touch. Some give and take play followed, for so far F Company were having the best of exchanges and Percy and Sweeney were well together and it took Dodgson to be in his best form or else the score would have been a lot larger.

At this stage Percy was showing some of Steve Bloomer's old form and getting away with his own feet, but a terrific shot in to the custodian, who in saving committed a corner. This was well taken by Portis, but Williamson relieved. The Greens were now put on the defensive but Bond was playing a hard game and robbed Gorman time and again, for so far Williamson was in the lead and the team (as may be readily guessed) was not D Company.

The spectators now urged their favorites to play up. Smyth got away and eluding a couple of opponents he gave to Percy, but the latter was given off his side and helped to put the greens on the defence. However, Elliot was in a good position sent widely past. On resuming the green brigade got going. Some exciting play was witnessed between Smyth and Gray, the former coming out best. F Company were now playing a splendid combination game and Smyth was proving himself the

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The following is the result of yesterday's regatta:

CLASS I

1 Tier el Mina 2.56.32 4.22.50 Capt. Borg

2 Leona 3.05.42 4.26.55 De Plantes

3 Minnie 2.55.35 4.38.33 De Coorcy

4 Celtic 3.03.10 4.28.54 Capt. Evans

CLASS II

1 Laura 3.38.00 5.09.03 Prince Aziz

2 Calypso 3.26.37 not taken Dr. Rudolph

3 Jessica 3.17.19 5.34.07 Graham Berg

4 Alaba 3.19.37 5.26.55 De Plantes

5 Catalyna 3.20.01 5.37.54 P. Barnard

6 Tanta 3.24.29 5.29.11

7 Ironie Gave up Mr. P. Girard

8 Shamrock " M. P. Gendill

9 Gunrock " Mr. Francis

10 Gunrock " A. Chitty Bay

The wind was moderately fresh from N.W. by W. and although a heavy sea was expected it was not so great as anticipated.

The "Tier-el-Mina" again won in Class I and did not have the "Gunrock" and "Jenny" to run her close like last week.

In Class II the "Laura" as usual came to first and the "Calypso" second, although as her finishing time was not taken it is difficult to say by how much she was beaten.

The "Shamrock" unfortunately broke her mast way outside and the "Mist" gave up the race to her in the end.

The "Gunrock" must have made some mistake in her starting time as when her flag was broken she was manœuvring off its flut in the Palace, and therefore did not make an attempt to cross the line.

A. S. C. LOTTERIES.

The lotteries to be held at the Khedivial Club on Saturday, 29th inst., will be, as expected, by very well attended. A large number of owners are coming and many prominent Cairo sportsmen also.

ALEXANDRIA SWIMMING CLUB.

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SPOKEN ARABIC OF EGYPT.

(SECOND NOTICE).

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Do not say for "did you not hear me," ma-samaneesh, but ma-smineeh! On every page you will find something of interest in pronunciation. Buy the book, test it with any Arab you like, of any class, and you will find the most correct and useful pronunciation is perfect. In conclusion we may say that this is a book especially intended for beginners, with graduated exercises. It has been compiled with infinite pains, a consciousness of which grows upon the student as he turns the pages. A monumental work which will live.

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